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Henningburg's Authority seat still up in air

by Connie Woodruff

SECAUCUS — Gus Henningburg's future status as a member of the N.J. Sports and Exhibitions Authority is becoming the number one guessing game at cocktail parties, political fund-raisers, city halls, the corridors of the State House and just about anywhere more than two people gather for whatever reason.

Blacks are convinced Florio
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Gus Henningburg

Highway Authority Commissioner infuriated by chairman's response

by Michelle L. Odom

WOODBIDGE — An exchange of letters between NJ Highway Authority (NJHA) leadership has left Julian Robinson, the lone African American Commissioner, infuriated. In a letter to NJHA Chairman Robert J. Jablonski, Robinson focused attention "on the very real problem of the totally insensitive and indifferent manner in which our mid- and top-echelon jobs are being created, revised and filled." This insensitivity, Robinson said, has led to an "abysmal racial and ethnic imbalance at the top."

was hired without benefit of considering any black or Hispanic candidates.

Jablonski responded by saying he recognizes "the executive staff of the Highway Authority are obviously void of any minority or female representation." He cited the appointment of a Black male and two female administrators as evidence of his efforts to correct these failings, but said, "my intention is to fill positions at the Highway Authority with the best qualified people, regardless of race, color or creed."

Robinson, who never asked that unqualified minorities be hired for management jobs, is primarily concerned with a recruitment process that makes no attempt to include minority candidates, and implies a lack of talent and ability in Black and Hispanic communities.

Payne holds hearing on abandoned infants act

by Terri Guess

NEWARK — The Education and Labor Committee held a congressional hearing on the re-authorization of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act May 10, at the request of Congressman Donald Payne (D-10th Dist.).

The Act, which will expire this year, provides funds to public and private nonprofit organizations to take care of drug exposed and HIV exposed children as well as the needs of their families.

Reports have stated for every 1 percent increase in the drug using population of pregnant HIV positive
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Paterson schools takeover still pending

by Freddie Robinson

PATERSON — April 11, 1991, will be more than a mere footnote in the 1990's in the history of Paterson.

It's been more than a month since a state Comprehensive Compliance Investigation (CCI) report slammed Paterson Schools Superintendent Frank Napier and the Board of Education against the ropes, with charges primarily of "ineptness," repeatedly failing state certification and fiscal mismanagement since 1984.

The state Commissioner of Education John Ellis has filed a show cause order against the school district, a formal request that the district may respond with an explanation—why a state takeover should not occur. The board has responded to the show cause order.

Soon after the release of the CCI report, responses came stridently and defiantly. "I'm 100% against a state takeover," board member Jerry Bello declared. "It takes rights away from the local community." Mr. Bello failed to get re-elected in a recent school board election.

"We've had 15 years of abuse, 15 years of lack of resources and now they have backed us up against a wall," said then board president Elvase Evans, who has since resigned from the school board. "A state takeover does not mean better education," added Evans.

However, there appeared division among the active trustees concerning an approach and response to the critically significant issue. Board members Juan Santana and James Baines, who is now vice-president of the newly-

constituted board, with Baines expressing that any resistance to a takeover would further delay correcting the pointed deficiencies in the district. "I will not fight a takeover," Santana said. "I think we need to welcome the state and work with them."

Superintendent Napier initially made allegations of racism and political interference as what reportedly influenced the CCI report and its basis for the state taking control. Paterson Mayor William J. Pascrell Jr. and Governor James J. Florio both have given unequivocal support to the state taking over the administration of the system.

Recently, Napier urged parents and teachers at a meeting at Eastwood High to get involved for quality education and more re-

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Newark pioneer, leader remembered



William "Bill" Ashby

NEWARK — Death claimed William "Bill" Ashby last Friday but in the minds of those who lived he touched in his long lifetime, Mr. Ashby will never be dead.

He will be remembered every time somebody mentions the Urban League movement for he is revered as the founder of the Urban League in Essex County and important in the history of Union county's Urban League.

Bill Ashby was a civil rights advocate, friend, advisor, mentor
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by Connie Woodruff

NEWARK — Newark has been thriving as a center of commerce and industry for 325 years and that's a good record in any history book.

On Friday, Mayor Sharpe James, members of his administration and city council members climbed aboard a replica of the tiny vessel that brought Robert Treat, the founding father and his band of Connecticut Pilgrims to the shores of the Passaic River, and re-enacted the arrival of the city's first settlers.

Despite their Pilgrim costumes James, Deputy Mayor Luis Quintana and Councilmen Ralph Grant, Henry Martinez, George Branch and Marie Villani resembled the May 17, 1666
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Newark reenacts Pilgrim landing of 1666



Newark day Pilgrims (l-r) Councilwoman Marie Villani, Mayor Sharpe James, Council President Ralph Grant, Councilman George Branch, Councilman Branch, and Councilman Henry Martinez.

Wilder supports Payne, denounces Bush

by Michelle L. Odom

NEWARK — President Bush's capacity to provide moral leadership for all Americans was strongly questioned by Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, in remarks given at a fundraiser for Congressman Donald Payne (D-10th Dist.).

"If you are the president of all of America's people, when will you be that?" asked Wilder, pointing to Bush's attempt at characterizing the civil rights bill as a quota bill, as one example of his lack of moral leadership. Bush also comes up short, Wilder said, when you look at his opposition to the Brady bill (requiring a waiting period before buying a gun), and his poor grasp on the savings and loan scandal. Bush's statements at a St. Louis housing project, he said, "telling them that their greatest hope would lie in a capital gain cut," was "a cruel lie."

Wilder, the nation's first African American governor, is considering seeking the Demo-

cratic party's nomination for president. He primarily focused
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Plainfield police reorganization creates narcotics bureau

by Denise M. Germalin

PLAINFIELD — A police department reorganization plan was unveiled last Monday evening (May 13) at the City Council's work session at City Hall. Police Chief John Waldron stated that the reorganization would create a narcotics bureau. Waldron cited that "a clear need for a comprehensive approach to the drug problem in the city" is what the plan would accomplish. The newly formed bureau would be

headed by a captain, and made up of three sergeants and twelve police officers. Prior to the plan the vice unit has handled the drug investigations.

One of the sergeants would be a community relations officer working in the city's schools discussing drug awareness programs with students and possibly their parents. Another sergeant would handle the new drug-sniffing police dog.

The force is currently 140
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Mitchell reports on Police/Community findings

by Mayor Harold Mitchell

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Human Relations Commission has submitted to me its "Report on the Status of Police/Community Relations in Plainfield."

Let me first express my appreciation for the fine work done by Chairman, Daniel Morgan; Vice Chairman, Dr. Gerard Lee; and Commission members, William T. Ryland, Eric Watson, Reverend Richard Davis, Rick Williams, Reverend Donald Nichols, Reverend Felix Santana and Reverend Byron Canfield. Their dedication, honesty and thoroughness has given my administration a clear overview of what the community thinks can and must be done to improve police/community relations. It also like to give special mention to the greatest work and contribution we received from Mrs. Hilda Terry-Greene, a consultant to the Department of Justice, Community Relations Service, New York Office.

As the Commission pointed

out, relations between residents of Plainfield and our police division have been strained for some time. A further strain was caused by charges of police brutality brought a second time by a resident family. And nationally, there is a heightened concern over police conduct related specifically to the Los Angeles Rodney King incident.

Understanding these concerns, I requested that our Human Relations Commission convene a series of Community Forums to provide an opportunity for community residents to voice their feelings and concerns, relative to the nature and status of police/community relations. Each session lasted two hours, and nearly 300 residents availed themselves of the opportunity to voice their concerns and experiences and make recommendations for improving our City's climate.

According to the Human Relations Commission "some rather distinct patterns of perceptions regarding the policing of the Plainfield community emerge." The six main categories that residents expressed continuing concern over

were: racism among police officers; the perception of white police officers as mercenaries, with no ties to the community; reactive vs. proactive police methods of enforcement; classism; lack of accountability, and lack of effective communications.

The Commission also concluded, among other things, that our police division's response time to calls for assistance is too long. There is a lack of minority representation in the upper echelon of the police division. There should be a residency requirement for uniformed officers. There should be a structured procedure for filing civil and criminal complaints against police officers. There is a need for a more comprehensive Employee Assistance Program for the police division. Sensitivity training and cultural awareness classes should be conducted for all police personnel. There is a lack of recreational activities to keep our youth occupied. There must be ongoing structured activities in conjunction with the school system.

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CITY PEOPLE

Recognizing Those Who Dare To Soar

CITY NEWS
EAGLE AWARD

recipient

Katherine V. Taylor

The quality of life for senior citizens has been the compelling force for the May recipient of The City News Eagle Award. "All our seniors ask is not to be forgotten in their golden years," said Kitty (Katherine V.) Taylor.

For more than 25 years Taylor has worked on behalf of Newark's older residents. She currently serves as Coordinator of Senior Citizens Centers for the City of Newark, a position she has held since December, 1988. She took this post after serving 22 years with United Community Corporation - first as Director of Public Relations, and later as Deputy Director of the Senior Citizens Golden Age Project.

To listen to Taylor talk about the pride she holds for seniors, gives insight to the passion she brings to her advocacy role. A passion that has inspired her to create a variety of recreational, motivational and social service programs, and pushes her to volunteer her time and energy on numerous national, state and local boards.

One activity is her award-winning Sunday morning radio show, focusing on seniors, on WNJR, which she has produced, directed and moderated since 1966. "This show has won so many awards," she said, "because so many good, loyal people work with me - people in my personal, church, city, WNJR and UCC family." Taylor also serves on the Mayor's Senior Citizens Commission, the New Jersey State Council on Senior Citizens, the National Council on Senior Citizens, the National Council on Aging, the Institute on Senior Citizens, the Bicentennial Commission and the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission, among many others. She created or co-founded groups like the Newark Legacy Project and the annual Newark City-wide Fashion Extravaganza - the list goes on.

The list goes on so far, Taylor can barely recite all the projects she has been involved in. "I just like people," she said, "and have a complete faith in God and trust for my fellow man," a philosophy that has

guided her involvement in a plethora of human concerns. Some of the problems facing senior citizens Taylor discusses with the major include crime, "which makes seniors afraid to come downstairs to get their checks," inadequate transportation, which prevents groups from taking advantage of all of the events seniors are invited to, and the biggie, affordable housing. "Medical science is great," she pointed out, "and is allowing seniors to live longer. Many seniors are outliving their children, or you have 65-year-

them," Taylor said. This group will sponsor a June 13th King and Queen Pageant at the North Ward Center, where seven kings and seven queens will be crowned. The Newark City-Wide Senior Citizens Choral and the Elizabeth Avenue Community Center Electric Slide Group, will be among the entertainers at this lively event.

Taylor is the recipient of numerous leadership awards, including recent honors by the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the International Frontiers. "I believe when you give love, you get love back," she said, always praising the pivotal role others have played in her success.

June 25th will mark Taylor's 65th birthday. Born in North Carolina, and spending a brief period in Long Island, New York, she has lived in Newark since the age of three. Here she attended South Side High School (now Malcolm X), married Willis Taylor, Sr., a principal accountant with the City of Newark, and actively participates in the life of Union Baptist Church. Taylor is a graduate of Howard University, where she majored in psychology and sociology, and of the New York School of Publicity. She is the mother of two sons, Willis, Jr. and Hatten Taylor, with his wife Carolyn, gave her two grandchildren, Marcel Hatten and Deona Yvonne Taylor.

A writer, photographer and music lover, Taylor exemplifies the active role senior citizens are playing, and she reminds us "seniors don't like to be used as bodies to fill up rooms they want to be there from the beginning," as is Taylor, on any significant projects promoting senior participation in all facets of life, and wherever people are in need of a helping hand.

City News salutes the work of Kitty Taylor, a champion, a leader and a hero. We are pleased to honor her as an Eagle Award recipient for selflessly working to improve the quality of life for others.



Kitty Taylor - 65 years old living with and trying to take care of her parents, who are in their 80's - and that's hard to do.

Despite the problems, Taylor exudes optimism and stresses the vital role seniors are playing in today's society. For instance, when Hallmark Cards came to Newark recently to create a one senior to feature in national television spots, they ended up choosing four local people from the Newark Living Legacy Program - Essie McCoydin, Bernice Roundtree, Octoria Milligan and Bonnie Goodwin, "and we are very proud of them," said Taylor.

The Newark Living Legacy Program is designed to "let seniors have flowers while they can smell them, and to let them wear crowns while they can see

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While I will not respond point by point, I can give you a clear indication of steps we have taken and will take to correct these concerns:

(1) Prior to the recent incidents of alleged police brutality, we had identified sources of training. The U.S. Department of Justice, Community Relations Services, will hold seminars on Cultural Diversity and Conflict Resolution for all Plainfield Police Officers and Sergeants commencing June 5, 1991. Two sergeants have already received training in Police Professionalism and Cultural Diversity at Fort Dix. All command officers will receive training. In relation to this, Public Affairs and Safety Director Leon Adams and the City of Plainfield will host a summit on "Policing in Urban Settings" with Chiefs of Police in New Jersey's Urban Ad Cities in June. One session in particular will focus on Community Oriented Policing. Detective Adams has also been named to the State Attorney General's Task Force on "Law Enforcement And The Use of Force." We have identified, within the ranks of the police division, an officer to direct our community relations programs.

(2) Our City Council has just approved a reorganization of the police department, making it possible for us to promote one additional captain, two lieutenants and a sergeant. As far as a residency requirement is concerned, we are reviewing our options under State statutes and continuing our efforts to recruit Plainfield residents for all of our uniform services.

(3) The Professional Standards Unit has been removed from the Administrative Bureau and made a separate unit, with the commanding officer reporting directly to the Chief. Lieutenant Ronald Lewis is the supervisor and he can be called directly with complaints. The Professional Standards Unit is the monitoring body that investigates civilian complaints. This Unit monitors the conduct of personnel and acts as the "watchdog" of the division.

(4) We here in Plainfield love our children. We desire to protect them and provide them with the same experiences for their development. Last year I appointed a Blue Ribbon Panel on Recreation, chaired by Mr. Arnold Stewart. Recommendations made by the Committee are currently being implemented. The report is available through my office. We are working with the Board of Education to greater utilize school facilities to house youth activities. This summer, in addition to our playground summer program, we will create two teen centers for our adolescents to provide them with more summer activities. We are seeking funding from the County to help in the creation of a Youth Council, a Plainfield Coalition for Youth Development, and to provide ongoing recreational programs. The work is being done.

The Commission stated that at no time during these forums did they hear a blanket indictment of our police, most of whom do want to do a fine job in protecting and assisting our citizens. We must, and I as Mayor will, ensure

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Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Fear and Anger



(NNPA) — Several weeks ago, I wrote a column that gave you, the reader, advice about some of the most frequent problems that my patients have. I have received hundreds of letters asking me to help to solve your most common problems.

1) FEARS: Why do I have so many fears about things, and what can I do to overcome my fears?

First, no one is born with a fear. Fears are usually the result of some terrifying experience that you had as a child. If you almost drowned, before age three, you might fear water now that you are an adult. If you saw or heard about a similar experience that someone else had when you were a child, you might also be afraid to go into the water at a beach or at a swimming pool. Water is not dangerous, by itself. Fear of water is in your mind, as is fear of people, dogs, snakes, tests, crowds or most other things. Most people fear something. However, an extreme fear, where a person loses muscular control (trembling, temporary paralysis, loss of control of the bowels), or loses emotional control (screaming, crying, inability to think or reason), may be a phobia. It is the worst exemplification of a fear.

A good psychologist will explain that the fear is entirely in the victim's mind, and can be overcome. Then, the victim will be slowly, carefully and protectively exposed to the cause of the fear. A person who fears water might be asked to look at the water on the beach on Monday, then to touch his/her toes in the water on Wednesday, next, to stand in ankle-deep water on Saturday. This gradual exposure to water will conjure up indefinitely, until the victim becomes calm. The victim will be accompanied by

another individual during this process until the fear subsides or disappears.

ANGER: Why do I become angry so easily? I try to control my anger, but I have taken what they want something. Anger is, for them, very productive. It gets them what they want.

Some adults use the same technique to get attention. Thus, their anger represents their feeling of rejection. Anger may represent feelings of personal insecurity and inadequacy. People who feel that others do not like them, will show their displeasure through anger. If Robert thinks that James does not like him, he might bump into James, step on his foot or say something nasty to him. The point is that Robert wants to hurt James for not liking him. Robert, thus, has a low opinion of himself and needs constant reassurance in order to refrain from going crazy.

Fear and anger have something in common. They represent the victim's perception that he cannot stand on his own two feet. Fear means that he is not learned to cope with the realities of his life. Anger is one of his ways of crying out for help. Unfortunately, only trained psychologists know how to help such a person. The average individual will respond to a person's anger with his own anger. This makes the victim's problem worse.

READERS: If you would like to receive a free, easy stress test, send a stamped, self-addressed legal size envelope to Dr. Charles W. Faulkner, P.O. Box 50197, Washington, DC 20004

Newark NCNW marks
37 years of service

NEWARK — The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. will mark 37 years of service with an Awards Luncheon and Fashion Show on Saturday, June 8, 1991 at Noon at the Radisson Hotel, Newark Airport, Newark.

Awards will be given to Community-Senator Ronald Rice, (D- Essex), Former Essex

County Freeholder Delores Battle, (D- Essex).

Also honored will be Mildred Crump, Edna Collins, Jean Williams, Humanitarian; and Mrs. Dorothy Cobbs, In-Service.

For further information contact the NCNW, Newark Section, PO Box 295, Newark, NJ 07101

Community
Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

NEWARK—Health Insurance Option for Seniors Explained at information meeting at Newark Public Library 1 p.m. For information call 1-800-624-4478.

NEWARK—Public Education Setting sponsored by the Newark Board of Education NY & NJ. For more information call 201-568-4705.

PATERSON—Lecture, Reflections on the life of Malcolm X. Free Public Library 250 Broadway 7 - 9 p.m. For information call 961-1038

THURSDAY, MAY 23

BLOOMFIELD—Bloomfield to graduate 162: Honorary Degrees to Henry Kates, Dr. Shirley Jackson, P. Henry Mueller, 9:30 a.m. For location and further information call 201-748-9000 and 296.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Free Senior Citizens Law Day Conference sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Association from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center. For more information contact Sheila Boro (908) 249-5000 ext. 208.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

WASHINGTON, DC—The second annual Women in Engineering Conference will be held until the 4th at the Metro Center Holiday Inn-Crowne Plaza. For more information, contact the Office of Women's Programs, Stevens Institute of Technology at 201-429-5245.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

NEWARK—The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will sponsor a free seminar on "Divorce Law" at the N.J. Law Center, One Constitution Square (off Ryder's Lane), in New Brunswick from 7-9 p.m.

ADULTS, JUNE 5

UNION—Adult Advisory Service: free workshops at 10 a.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Kean College. For information call 201-527-5210.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

NEWARK—Parent Talent Showcase sponsored by Newark Board of Education at the Cleveland School. For more information call 733-6954.

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Painfield bonding issue still unresolved

by Denise M. Germalin

PLAINFIELD — Last Monday evening, at a City Council work session, the council voted down a proposal to bond \$17.4 million to close the deficit in the \$27.8 million 6 month city budget.

Several council members had concerns about bonding that large amount of money, adding that there were places in the spending plan that could be cut, such as the \$2 million set aside for a city-wide cleanup. Councilman Malcolm Dunn stated that he was against the cleanup, he suggested that residents pay for their own bulk items, in order to save the city's funds. Councilwoman Fehemah El-Amin agreed with Dunn stating that after the clean up the city could need cleaning

again unless a backup plan is implemented, if not the money would have been wasted.

The bonds in question would most likely be payable over a 20 year period of time. Councilwoman Helen Miller stated that she had a problem with putting the city in dire straits for that long. Councilman Earl Robinson, criticized the administration for not failing to come up with a plan to repay the debt. "If the city doesn't have plan to repay, there is no sense in bonding it out."

Other items in the bonding proposal include \$700,000 for the city's self-insurance fund, a \$650,000 reserve for tax appeals, \$500,000 for legal judgments and claims, \$500,000 for worker's compensation, \$950,000 for capital improvements, \$250,000 for removal of underground fuel tanks and another \$130,000 for police cars and other city vehicles. If and when cuts are made by the council within the next two weeks the city must resubmit its spending plan to the state after it is approved by the governing body.

E. Orange holds economic development forums

EAST ORANGE — Mayor Cardell Cooper announced that the City and the East Orange Partnership will sponsor two economic development forums during the month of May. On Wednesday, May 22, the topic will be "Urban Enterprise Zones: Growth for East Orange." On Thursday, May 23, the topic will be "Urban Enterprise Zones: The Process Involved to Obtain that Designation." Also, the forum will discuss how citizens and the business community can best proceed as advocates to amend current legislation to increase the number of Zones in the state.

On Thursday, May 23, the discussion will focus on the Plaza Village Project. An update on the activities of the proposed rehabilitation project that encompasses City Hall Plaza and the lower end of the Main Street commercial district will be presented. The Plaza Village Project is comprised of several projects that include the rehabilitation of the East Orange Train Station, improvements to the open space area surrounding City Hall, and facade improvements for 100 merchants on North Arlington and lower Main Street. Also in this effort, the feasibility of a farmers market and commercial use of the East Orange train station building is being investigated.

The forums are open to the public and will begin at 3 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at East Orange City Hall, 44 City Hall Plaza. For additional information concerning the forums, contact George Williams at 201-266-5142.

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effective police/community relations. Following their recommendations, I intend to hold town meetings on a periodic basis. Individual community members can organize "Crime Watch" programs, and play a more active role in understanding the work of the police. They can also help the police division in its efforts to rid neighborhoods of drug abuse and crime.

I want to thank the Commission for doing an exemplary job. When a problem is detected, you must immediately bring it into the open and deal with it in a democratic manner.

In reviewing the report, I am gratified by the community's faith in my capability to serve as a catalyst in bringing about an end to many of the problems that have been creating a strained relationship between part of the community and the police division.

The citizenry has expressed its concern to me. I have listened and will act on its behalf. I respect and encourage community involvement in the governing of Plainfield.

Today, we are witnessing a new Plainfield. This is the beginning of a new era, exemplifying open communication with the City's administration.

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Nelson Mandela rejects de Klerk's invitation

by Daniel Marolen

(NNPA) — The past week-end news flash from South Africa that Mandela has rejected President de Klerk's invitation to discuss ways and means of ending the current state of violence in African "townships" shouldn't surprise anyone. The global mass media's slanting of news from South Africa is causing anxiety everywhere. Sooner or later, this slanting of news will bring about a break in relations between European and African South Africans. On Sunday, April 30, news came from South Africa, loud and clear that ANC's Deputy President, Nelson Mandela rejected outright President F.W. de Klerk's invitation for the two leaders to attempt together to solve the endemic problem of "township violence" that has caused the country thousands of slain and wounded Blacks.

The news shouldn't surprise anyone. Recently, Mandela made a free ultimatum to President de Klerk that ANC would break away from the envisaged negotiations if de Klerk's regime failed to halt the

killings in the black ghettos around Johannesburg. Since 1986, this genocide has raged furiously between black factions. But de Klerk's police and militia have done nothing to stop the carnage, evidently because only black lives are victims of the apartheid-oriented violence. It's preposterous and foolish to attribute these clashes as "black-on-black" or simply "tribal" faction fights, because there are no rival black groups in South Africa. The Blacks will kill and wound each other in the name of de Klerk's own apartheid institutions, hostels, and Bantustans, etc. The Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini knows of no war between his subjects and those of any other tribe, and Nelson Mandela and Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi deny that their respective organizations — ANC and INKATHA — are at war with any other group in South Africa. The people hating one another to death are inmates of de Klerk's hostels and Bantustans over which Mandela and other African leaders have no say. Hence Mandela's rejection of de Klerk's invitation...

De Klerk's invitation to Mandela is divisive. Mandela and

Buthelezi are both averse to the prevailing violence and have recently met to agree on doing everything to appeal to their respective memberships to desist from any acts of "black-on-black violence." The ANC and PAC recently met in Harare, Zimbabwe for the same reason, and to form a United Front of Blacks against apartheid. All Africans deny the violence, and are in accord that de Klerk's regime should bring peace to the country. But de Klerk won't budge, won't halt the carnage...He alone has the power of law and order to end the violence. But he doesn't, because only Blacks die from these acts of violence.

This past week in New York City, Chris Hani, ANC's leader of the ANC military wing, Umkhonto We Sizwe (The People's Spear) told his audiences that ANC would train and help the dismayed Africans of the "townships" to defend themselves. But the police force opposes this move. Chris Hani said, inter alia, "In principle we don't intend to fight INKATHA. They aren't our enemy. Fighting INKATHA isn't in the interest of the people of South Africa." In Washington, D.C. Chris Hani said,

"I don't know why there is a rush to lift sanctions against South Africa." He advised U.S. officials to consult with black South African groups in South Africa before acting. He emphasized that Blacks in South Africa and everywhere else said that sanctions shouldn't be lifted. And how true he was...

Since Mandela's release, de Klerk has only criticized ANC; urged it to suspend its arms struggle; asked it to end violence in the country and did nothing to end the major pillars of apartheid. He does have nothing to stop rightwing Afrikaners from forming black murder squads and brutalization of Blacks around the country. Whilst ANC, PAC and INKATHA have plans — democratic plans for a future South African non-racial constitution, de Klerk and his henchmen have nothing of the sort. One wonders why de Klerk's "friends," allies and propagandists want him to be "rewarded" for his "reforms" when he has not freed a single African nor even Archbishop Desmond Tutu from the slavery of apartheid.

Understandably, Mandela rightly rejects de Klerk's invitation which is divisive and suspicious...

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EDITORIAL

Bonds need careful consideration

Now is a very important time for the City Council of Plainfield to weigh the issue of bonding carceral. Plainfield has always enjoyed a top bond rating due to its fiscal responsibility.

We understand the tremendous burden that cities find themselves under with the severe shortage of tax revenues and the continued expectations of taxpayers to provide services. However, the decision to take on long-term debt to pay for short-term services is not a responsible one.

The additional items indicated to be funded by the proposed \$6 million bond issues are mainly those that are short-term services or equipment like police cars and street cleanup.

Think about it. Your children will be paying twenty years from now for you to clean out your garage or attic today. They just might need their tax dollars for something else in the year 2011. Or, will the City still have police officers riding around in 1991 cars in the year 1994 or 1996 much less 2011?

We believe that the administration is trying to close the gap and we appreciate their efforts. However, we must closely consider the effect that bonds used for these purposes will have fiscally.

We all want citywide cleanup. Maybe we have to join together as block associations and neighborhoods and get a private hauler to take care of our collective need to dispose of large items. Although it looks politically advantageous to give in to those who advocate citywide cleanup at the taxpayers' expense, it would be fiscally irresponsible to use bonds for that use and have taxpayers paying for it for 20 years.

Bonds should go for parking garages and other structures that will add to the quality of life not only for today or tomorrow but will add to the quality of living for our children and grandchildren who also have to pay for our decisions today.

Has spring really sprung?

by Charles E. Belle

(NPA) — "Thy money perish with thee," it is written in the Acts of the Apostles. An American of African ancestry, especially the members of the AME Church would cause their fellow African American Methodists in South Africa to break away from the white dominated Wesleyan Church of England in 1897. The AME, and other African Americans, arranged for "young natives" to come to the United States for a college education. Eventually, two Africans, Pitney Senne and John Dube, returned to their motherland and established the African National Congress (ANC) in 1912. Senne, the ANC's chief founder, and Dube, its first president, were but two of thousands of Black South Africans who came and are still coming to American colleges with the encouragement of the AME Church and other common sense Americans. A bright light is now shining at the end of a long dark, dark tunnel.

Back is being begged to break the economic sanctions on Pretoria, that have provided for all the gains for Black South Africans since the U.S. Congress Sanctions Act of 1986. Since five steps to end apartheid have not been totally fulfilled — no release should be given to the South African government. The first and foremost was the release of Nelson Mandela, making the Pretoria government on the surface look better than it ever had been in its

history. Passing the fourth step of the more than 2,000 historical prisoners by ANC court is an upcoming cornerstone to sedate apartheid.

And finally, the removal of all racial restrictions on land ownership and the right to live where one chooses is the catalyst for the crumbling of apartheid in South Africa. A premature act to remove the economic sanctions by this Republican Administration will not only shut out the light for peace and freedom in South Africa, but the ANC century for connection between African Americans created by Abraham Lincoln and what is left of responsible white and African American appointed and elected officials in the Republican Party.

"The love of money is the root of all evil," and it is "worse than an infidel" in this case of white America's corporate greed to get to the riches of South Africa over the blood and backs of her Blacks. The British abolished slavery in South Africa in 1834, but the Boer rejected it for the fortunes created by the slave run farms. Further on for diamonds in 1867. And again for gold in 1886. Cheap coal in 1887. Since South Africa is filled with numerous minerals, many American corporations cannot wait to carry on the tradition of exploitation with the aid of apartheid. America with a "new world order" must order a complete end to apartheid and oppression before opening its doors to any aggressor. Spring has not yet sprung in South Africa.

by Connie Woodruff

Libraries are important public institutions in any community. How they are used and their impact and influence in dispensing information and enhancing the mind is often determined by the people who support, direct and provide this valuable service.

Newark has always been proud of its City Public Library and when I was growing up, numerous branches flourished in the neighborhood until the late 1960s.

Last week we lost a vital link to the Newark Public Library when James Brown died. Mr. Brown was the Principal Librarian, head of the African-American Room and the man who spent 29 years building a better understanding between the interrelationship of books, ideas, culture, racial justice and black liberation.

He was known as the "People Librarian" for sharing his love and knowledge of arts and letters with adults, his devotion for written words with students and his encouragement of scholarship on the experience of African people with everybody.

Our dear and beloved sister, Winnie Mandela, remains — despite the efforts of the white-controlled press in South Africa and around the world — a symbol of courage, dedication and commitment for all oppressed people. The latest efforts to try to demolish and weaken the spirit of Nelson Mandela, by attacking his wife and comrades in struggle, Winnie Mandela, is all part of the ongoing effort to blunt his influence and status in the minds and hearts of the people.

Nelson Mandela has always been clear about the vulnerability of Winnie Mandela to attacks and harassment, but his faith in her has never wavered because he knew the inner strength which Winnie possesses. Before he was sent to the infamous maximum security prison Robben Island where he was sentenced to life imprisonment, Winnie said that he warned her: "You'll be blamed for what I've done. You can expect many trials. But you'll be up under it. I know you will."

Winnie Mandela has indeed suffered numerous insults, physical attacks, imprisonments, harassments etc... over the years. She has been dragged off in the middle of the night by the South African secret police, while her children have watched in horror. She's been placed in solitary confinement for months in the Pretoria Prison, with only the rats, roaches and ants as companions. Winnie — our Winnie — has been stripped naked, beaten and tortured for hours and days without any relief by the police and government agents trying to force her to reveal information about her husband and the ANC. During one of these intense torture and interrogation sessions, Winnie said that the police taunted her and said, "You are going to be broken completely. You are a finished woman."

Winnie wasn't broken. She never backed down or gave in, thereby, denying these fascists pigs their satisfaction. These experiences instead of weakening her, only furthered to strengthen her. Winnie has said on a number of occasions that she got more liberated in prison. While her active involvement in the liberation struggle in South Africa is widely acknowledged, her husband's, Winnie Mandela, is a staunch revolutionary in her own right. Throughout the 28 years of imprisonment for Nelson Mandela, Winnie has worked tirelessly to keep his spirit and hope alive, while also doing the same for the men, women and especially the children, who are the victims of apartheid.

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An excerpt from his obituary called James Brown "the library's shining symbol of unselfish professional dedication." He was that and more.

Mr. Brown, an army veteran and graduate of Trenton Junior College, came to Rutgers-Newark for his B.A. and also graduated with an M.A. in Library Science in 1972.

He was a witness to the summer riots, white flight, scudding of community-based library buildings and a change in the multi-ethnic population from predominantly white to black and Hispanic. Long before the community clamor for consciousness raising in library services such as blacks and films and blacks in decision making positions, James Brown was quietly crusading for changes that would make the library more relevant to the black and Hispanic communities.

He involved himself in a variety of local activities and convinced individuals, schools and organizations that the library could meet their literary needs and was equally accessible for public use. Few people recognized his action as a quiet revolution to channel young minds in a positive direction, it has proven to

be.

He was a founder member of the highly acclaimed Urban Voices, local poet's collective and became a senior member of Newark's popular Black Film Festival, serving on the selection committee.

Brown is perhaps best known as the founder of the Library's famed Lorraine Hansberry Lecture Series which since 1969 has brought to Newark many of the world's most outstanding writers, poets, and scholars of the black experience.

Through his efforts one can find a Black Acquisitions, list of the most popular services utilized by students, scholars and intellectuals who read for entertainment or information. In later years his idea to mount annual birthday celebrations for Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X met no opposition nor did the initiatives Pre-Kwanza Festival that he initiated along with other innovative programs.

It was a signal honor to the visionary librarian that his funeral procession at Bethany Baptist Church Saturday was led by a company of his revered African Dancers and Drummers of Unity. The Rev. Floyd Terrell, D. Min., Pastor of Franklin St. Johns

United Methodist Church presided over the service that included poet Betty Neals of East Orange, remembrances by Dr. Clement Price of Rutgers, a tribute from poet-auteur, Amiri Baraka and family remarks by Simon Gainer.

The Rev. Buster Sorries, a fellow Rutgers alumnus and Pastor of First Baptist Church in Somerset, delivered a eulogy. Soloists Robert Simmons and Harriet Mayner with Haven Clayborne, the internationally known flautist musical interludes.

Dr. Alex Boyd, the library's CEO was joined in remarks by Newark Central area councilman George Branch and author Richard Wesley.

The artistic community was also represented among the pallbearers who included long-time mentor and friend, Newark historian Charles Cummings, Leon Denmark of Symphony Hall, Wesley, Philip Thomas and the late Carter G. Woodson Foundation, Philip Jones and Kent Perry.

A native of Dillon, South Carolina, Mr. Brown would have been 54 years old in September. He acquired himself well in his adopted city and Newark returned the compliment often with na-

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Attack on Winnie Mandela another ploy sustained by white media

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

The white racist South Africa regime has been trying to destroy and discredit Nelson and Winnie Mandela, as well as the ANC, since she's been placed in solitary confinement for months in the Pretoria Prison, with only the rats, roaches and ants as companions. Winnie — our Winnie — has been stripped naked, beaten and tortured for hours and days without any relief by the police and government agents trying to force her to reveal information about her husband and the ANC. During one of these intense torture and interrogation sessions, Winnie said that the police taunted her and said, "You are going to be broken completely. You are a finished woman."

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What fools! What arrogance! The white controlled press and media have just demonstrated once again that they are nothing but the tools and agents of the governing powers; their role being very clearly to obfuscate the issues, and manipulate the truth and facts. They would like for us to turn our backs on our sister, and turn our backs on the struggle our brothers and sisters are waging in South Africa. We must not fall for these old tactics. We must stand up for our sister, and reject this latest attack on Nelson and Winnie Mandela.

The struggle presiding over Sister Winnie's case is not even worthy of mention. His statements should be treated as you would a piece of manure lying in the street. The fact that in South Africa, Winnie Mandela, doesn't even have the right to have a trial (where if there was going to be any judging, should be by a jury of her own kind) is a testimony to the stupidity and absurdity of even valuing this so-called judicial process. The conviction and sentence

are just more of the same legal lynchings which African people around the world are subjected to everyday.

As Sister Winnie emerged from the courthouse smiling, waving her clenched fists in defiance, shouting "Viva ANC, Viva!" my heart sang. She was letting us know once again, that the oppressors had failed to silence or subdue her. Her spirit and determination are the reflections of our ancestors, that is why she is referred to affectionately as "Mother of the Nation," in South Africa.

We must write letters of support on behalf of our sister, we must let her know that we stand by her side as she has stood by ours. We must let the world know that we will never allow them to jail and hold our sister, we must be prepared to wage an international campaign of support, and we must let these racist dogs know that their opinions, views and analysis about the struggle going on in South Africa, and about our leaders are rebuffed and rejected.

Winnie's story is our story. Her struggle is our struggle. Pretoria is a prison. Her demonstrations to show her feelings and sentiments can be known. Contact us here at the City News to let us know how you plan on supporting Winnie, Nelson and the ongoing struggle in South Africa. Let's stand up like men and women with principles, and protect this family who have devoted their lives to "Viva ANC, Viva! Viva Nelson Mandela, Viva Winnie Mandela, Viva!"

CHILD WATCH...

by Marian Wright Edelman

(NPA) — Imagine if you are a mother, a place you could drop in with your children any time for a cup of coffee and a visit with other mothers. Where you could get some concrete help in coping with a difficult toddler. Where you could attend a class to finish your education, while your infant was cared for in the next room.

Such a place may sound too good to be real. But they exist. They generally are called "family support centers," some are located in church basements or in child care centers. Some are in storefronts. Some occupy an entire house. Usually centers depend heavily on donations from individuals, churches, community groups, and foundations. Some also get public money.

As different as they are in small ways, these centers have a shared goal: to make sure parents receive the help they need to take care of their own lives and raise their children well.

That's exactly what Ms. Green

Help for Families that makes sense

received from the Waverly Family Center in Baltimore. Ms. Green — single, unemployed, and pregnant with her third child — used to walk by the center with her two toddlers on her way to the grocery store. One day a staff member asked if they'd like to come in. The family began going to the center four hours a day, four days a week.

"We were just staying in the house all the time," Ms. Green told a newspaper reporter, "and I knew my kids needed to get out."

At the center, Ms. Green found other young mothers to talk to, free lunches for her and the children, and a lot of support from the center's counselors. She began taking literacy tutoring and classes in child care at the center while her children played with the other children. Within a year, Ms. Green had developed new mothering skills, gotten her GED, and began working as a bus company aide. "Since I've been coming to the center," said Ms. Green, "I've got more nerve and courage to do things. At home my kids listen more. They participate in a lot of things at the house now instead of just running around and screaming."

Family support centers offer mothers respect, companionship, and encouragement in a comfortable, family-like atmosphere. They provide specific help in such areas as infant and child care, nutrition, family planning, and education. And they link families with other resources in the community. These programs understand that raising young children is stressful and that seeking help and information is a sign of strength, not weakness. "We don't worry about creating dependency," says Ethel Seiderman, director of a California program called Parent Services Project. "People search for independence. This program gives them wings."

Many family support centers start very small. Ten years ago in Washington, D.C., the Family Place began in a basement with two staff people, as a project of the Church of the Saviour. Its aim was to help mothers in the neighborhood get regular prenatal care and to help them care for their infants and toddlers, in the beginning, the program depended on a washing machine to attract mothers to the center. "If you want to see a prog-

nant woman regularly," says Director Maria Elena Ortega, "give her a place to do her laundry." Today the Family Place offers a wide variety of classes, activities, and services and has become a neighborhood institution. It owns its four-story Victorian house and serves more than 450 families a year.

One of the most rewarding thing about family centers, says Ms. Ortega, is the way participants who have achieved stability in their own lives reach out to help others. In 1990, says Ms. Ortega, not one of the 45 families who came to the Family Place had to go to a city shelter. With backup support from the center, Family Place families opened their homes to new homeless families.

If your neighborhood doesn't have a family support center, think about asking your church or another group to help get one started. For advice, contact Family Resource Coalition at 200 South Michigan Ave., Suite 1520, Chicago, IL 60604.

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS



CAN'T TOUCH THIS Positive Vibes from the Redhead One

by Terry Benjamin

Redhead Kingpin (David Guppy) from Englewood, New Jersey, strikes gold again with his latest LP on Virgin records, "Album With No Name," presenting the many styles and genres of rap with everything designed to put this positive, high energy, artist on the rap map. His debut album produced by Teddy Riley, "A Shade of Red" (1989) contained hits like "Pump It Hot," "We Rock The Mic Right," and "Do The Right Thing." This new LP may not have a name but it will not go unnoticed on the rap music charts with potential hits "All About Red," "Get It Together," and "We Don't Have A Plan B" already gracing the airwaves, displaying Redhead Kingpin's proficiency with diverse styles of rap.

After a mellow mood into Redhead Kingpin gets down to some hard hitting social commentary on "Get It Together" where he raps:

*When I walk the streets this what I see
Negativity at the worst it can be
As you get old things are bound to get rougher
I'm looking at the homeless and the jobless suffer*

*Boys and girls come get it together
Cause with a little love I know we can do better
Set an example for the younger generation
And all you ignorant ones change your ways and
It's not about a black or white thing that's what I'm yellin'
A positive vibe is what keeps my records sellin'*

Redhead Kingpin
Get It Together

I say to myself as I step through the rain

*What is this government doing?
Also on the social commentary tip is "We Don't Have A Plan B":*

*Brothers and sisters, mothers and misters
Runions and Bisters
Got to understand that we got to uphold the race
But at the same time not bring up knives in the places*

"All About Red" is in the boasting mode where Redhead includes himself in the company of the real MC's like Big Daddy Kane, D-Nice and Kwame. "I make records like 'Do The Right Thing' and proud to be part of the New Jack Swing," the Redhead One raps. "1989 was a real good year for me/Now I'm back on the map girls cheer for me."

Although Redhead Kingpin is adept at the boasting style of rap,

he is not opposed to sharing the spotlight, featuring DJ Wild Style on "Wild Style Collage," rapper Tony Rome on "The Song With No Name" and Kwame on "Dave & Kwame (Gimme Dat Girl)." Other voices are also heard on "What Do U Hate," a funny track that features a sample from "Got To Give It Up" by Marvin Gaye.

Redhead's sense of humor is in full effect on "Soap," a mini-sonop opera parody about the fictitious "The Lies Of Our Lives."

"Harlem Brown," a rap narrative about a young woman, also contains some funny lyrics, especially when Redhead visits her home and is greeted at the door by roaches:

*One of them kicked me, the other one tripped me
One stole my wallet and ran away quickly
I was buggin' but that's not the half*

A rat came up and asked me for my autograph.

Good feelings continue on the party jams "Get 2 Go," "It's A Love Thing (Worly)" and "3-2-1 Pump!" which contains a sample from Earth, Wind & Fire's "Let's Groove Tonight" and some boasting lyrics.

*Now I'm the Redhead Kingpin
And I came to pump it lovely
When it comes to rockin' parties
There's no one who ranks above me.*

On "No Reason" the Redhead rapper presents a mini-documentary on the Philip Panell case, where a young black man was shot down by a policeman, using voices from news reports on this tragic, but not unfamiliar incident of police brutality. "Interlude" is another serious track, mourning the deaths of those who recently passed.

But Redhead is not just about the hard realities of life. His softer side is displayed on "Nice & Slow," a rap ballad where he raps, "So I hear you're having problems with your man/So here's the Redhead to lend a helping hand."

"The Album With No Name" displays the many shades of Redhead Kingpin, a rapper who has his heart and soul in the right place.

Rapper Kris Parker Discusses "Revolution of the Mind"

MONTECLAIR — Rapper Kris Parker, also known as KRIS-ONE, is a musician with a mission: Reverse Stereotypes. According to the 23-year-old, who has seven albums under his belt, "If most people think of rappers as people with huge gold chains, and inflated egos, this image must be crushed, and replaced with a more panoramic view of hip hop as a tool for reaching dissatisfied black youths."

Parker notes that if people see rap concert-goers as inherently violent, those few who attend these shows with "criminal intent," must be reached. "I want to show kids another way to deal with things," said Parker. "We can deal with things by being intelligent, and dealing with our problems head on...I'm not worried about appealing to the masses out there. I'm concerned about the kids who don't know what time it is. I want to show them there are different ways to be radical."

Parker elaborated on his ideas

when he lectured on "Revolution of the Mind," at Montclair State on Monday May 1.

Parker learned his lessons in life the hard way. He ran away from home at age 13, and spent the next six years in the streets, in and out of men's shelters. He witnessed the murder of his best friend, Scott Sterling, also known as D.J. Scott La Rock, who was originally Parker's counselor in the Bronx men's shelter.

In fact, another stereotype that Parker crusades against is street violence. Besides devoting songs to the topic, like "Stop the Violence," he and a coalition of other rappers and record industry figures created a "Stop the Violence" movement, which spawned from a stabbing of a young man at a rap concert at New York's Nassau Coliseum. What resulted was a collaborative all-star rap song and video titled "Self Destruction," addressing the evil of black-on-black youth resulted from this movement, touted as being big hits.

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Kris Parker
KRIS ONE



by Denise M. Germalin

PLAINFIELD — After years of working for someone else, most people dream of being in business for themselves. There wouldn't be anyone to answer for you would call all of the shots and get all of the credit for those great ideas (your present boss is stealing). Two Plainfield residents have this dream also but they're not even out of junior high yet. Ronald Bronson 12, a sixth grade student at Clinton Elementary School and Sean Evans 14, who is a seventh grade student at New Life Christian School in South Plainfield are junior entrepreneurs, authors, builders and future government officials. Each of the boys runs their

own business, along with the guidance of their parents. Ronald's venture is called Magnetic Marketing International, which deals with purchasing large quantities of candy and games at wholesale prices and then selling them to community groups and neighborhood kids at lower than the suggested retail value. He said he has reorganized his business several times, but now feels he has the right formula to succeed. Sean plans on calling his non-profit business (if the name hasn't already been used) The Christian Information Network. He has written a newsletter to spread the gospel among a selected few, based upon a mailing list he has compiled along with his parents. He has also mailed bibles and

scripture quotes.

The pair have also written some books, which they plan to send to publisher. Sean has written two books, one entitled, "Galantians" is a science fiction thriller and the other is called "Organization: British Commonwealth," which tells how he would set up government if he was in charge. Both boys have a great interest in how foreign governments operate. Ronald's book is called "Tex and Tom's Adventures." This story follows two characters (one a mouse) through various situations in England.

When questioned about attending college, Ronald stated that he plans to attend Oxford University to pursue a law degree and to later attain the title of

Prime Minister of England. Sean plans to attend a local college as soon as possible and will climb the ladder to become Prime Minister of his native Jamaica, by the year 2000.

Three months ago, the junior execs began to build what they call, "The Union of Malbonia," this fictional land constructed in Sean's Bergen Street backyard includes a park, museum, a dirt mine called "The National Endowment for the Red Dirt" and a parliament building. All of the structures are made with items found in the average backyard.

With their drive and high aspirations, these two junior business tycoons will no doubt succeed in whatever endeavor they choose.

4-H Camp openings available

WESTFIELD — Openings at 4-H Camp for the week of July 15-20 are still available according to James Nicholasdowicz, Union County 4-H Agent. Boys and girls ages 9-12 are invited to attend summer camp which is held at the Beemerville 4-H Camp, Sussex County, N.J. The 4H Camp is a non-profit camp. The cost for one week including all expenses is \$140.00.

At camp, children will have the opportunity to learn about the outdoors, take swimming and boating lessons, learn to complete various types of crafts, and become involved in the experience of living away from home for one week.

The 4-H camping program is outdoor education at its best. The

camp features a pond, modern dormitories and is sanctioned by Rutgers University and the New Jersey Camp Safety Act.

The 4-H program is the youth phase of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service of Union County, and is an educational arm of Cook College, Rutgers University. Educational programs are offered without regard to race, sex, handicap, color or national origin. Rutgers Cooperative Extension is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

A camp brochure and application may be obtained from the Union County 4-H office, County Administration & Service Building, 300 North Ave., East, Westfield, N.J. 07090 or by calling James Nicholasdowicz, 4-H Agent, #908-654-9854

A Festival for Kids

PLAINFIELD — A gigantic celebration for children newborn to age ten is planned for Saturday, June 29, 1991 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Plainfield High School. This festival is to benefit the Plainfield Teen Parenting Program. Area merchants and organizations are welcome to participate in this event.

Highlights of the festival include "The Little Theatre Tent" with live entertainment every half hour, the Nabisco Food Tent with everything from baby food to ethnic food. The Prudential "Let's Stay Healthy" Center offering free health screening, nutrition, wellness and ecology information

for kids. Souvenir photos will be taken at "Grandma's Attic," on the Pony Rides and with a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. Special guests will include McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, Teddy Graham and many others. "The Neighborhood" housed in a huge tent will have a town square with a Police Department, Fire Department and School. "Storefront" booth participants will offer children opportunities to play games, make and take art, learn about children's organizations etc.

For an application and further information on participating in "The Neighborhood" please call the festival hotline 201-761-1114.

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 24

PLAINFIELD—The Young Voice of Shiloh presents a "Gospel Appreciation" for Gary Kirkwood, Pastor, for 10 Years Dedication. Tickets \$7, \$9 at door 120 West 7th St. church office. The Youth Choir will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. along with special guests, Praise Co. Worshiper Choir and Minister Toy Bright. For information call 752-6767 or 754-9283.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

PLAINFIELD—The Rose of Sharon Community Church Family will celebrate the installation of Rev. M. Lavonne Lettmore Ball as pastor in a worship and praise service at 5 p.m. at Mount Zion A.M. Church, 522 West Fourth Street. The reception will follow at the Masonic Building, 105 E. 7th.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest final performance and concert at Carnegie Hall. For information call 212-527-8800.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

PRINCETON—First Unitarian Society will hold "Visions For Peace" services at 4 p.m., 50 Cherry Hill Road. For information call 201-755-0750.

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Plainfield Mayor Mitchell reports

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istration, the police and the public. Plainfield will be a proud model for other municipalities everywhere to follow.

I wish to remind the people of Plainfield that my office is always open to you. I have great faith in the Director of Public Affairs and Safety Leon Adams, and trust him to carry out the mandate of the

Plainfield police reorganization

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strong and will add 13 new officers in June after graduation. There are also 13 vacancies which will be filled through promotions within the department. Councilman Malcolm Dunn inquired if any minority officers were being considered for the department's promotions. The chief and Public

Capital's TV Show On Teen Sex Sparks Interest In More Cities

By Larry A. Still

(NNA) — "Straight Talk, Sex, Teens and The 90s", an hour-long, sex-education video produced by Washington, DC, publisher LaVerne M. Gill, sparked a minor political controversy in the Capital and became the talk of the town as it premiered on television, radio and at private screenings in the National Press Club, a congressional hearing room and the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Developed as a televised town meeting to discuss sexuality among black and white students in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia public and private schools, the program may soon become the talk of the country according to the sponsor's plans to distribute videotapes to all 14,500 high schools in the United States. Ms. Gill is NNPA member publisher.

The program was conceived by Ms. Gill as part of a health education video and curriculum kit provided for use around the country by the Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation of Raritan, NJ, for the past five years. The current show produced to update the videos has been such a hit, Ortho is considering five or six more shows in several cities said Eric Milledge, vice-president for sales and marketing at the pharmaceutical company.

District of Columbia Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon issued a Proclamation on Teen Health Awareness on one of the D.C. screenings after telling Gill dur-

ing an interview in the program "I've always been of a mind that, when appropriate we ought to also issue condoms or whatever is necessary (for safe sex) this is a life and death issue. I think we have a responsibility to be more aggressive about exercising our own obligations to the parents..."

Asked by moderator Gill if she favored distributing condoms in the schools, Mayor Dixon replied "I think it is something we need to explore. I would lean toward it actually." The mayor's remarks later broadcast on Howard University's WJLA-TV and the University of the District of Columbia's WDCU-FM radio resulted in a media blitz, but Mrs. Dixon did not back down from her original comments.

During a presentation of the program at the Longworth House of Representatives Office Building on Capitol Hill, D.C., congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton told the official guests "I would rather host the

ception for the show than be interviewed on it by LaVerne." She praised the prize winning newswoman for service to the community as publisher of the National Chronicle weekly newspaper and as a commentator on weekly radio and television programs in the capital city.

Dr. Reed Tuckson, former District of Columbia Health and Human Services Commissioner who co-hosted the television video, also urged students to consider the use of condoms as a safe sex practice. "I feel that teen pregnancy...without proper health care is a major problem in this city," he declared. Tuckson is now executive vice-president of the National March of Dimes medical support organization.

Other guests appearing on the program included Dr. Kathy Woodard, Children's Hospital; Joan Hunter, Family Life Educator; Dr. Neal Bernstein, adolescent psychiatrist and Dubane Crumb, executive director, Teen

Choirs advance to semis in McDonald's Gospelfest

Proceeds benefit the UNCF

NEW YORK — Thirty-seven choirs and ensembles from the tri-state area have advanced to the semi-final round of competition in McDonald's Seventh Annual Gospelfest that took place on May 18 at Mother AME Zion Church, located at 140 West 137th Street in Manhattan.

Winners of semi-finals will advance to the combination final competition/concert which will be held at New York's historic Carnegie Hall on Friday June 14 at 8 p.m. This celebration of gospel music will be highlighted by performances by contemporary gospel's first family, The Winans. Warner Brothers recording artists, four-time Grammy winners, and hosted by their founder and leader, Marvin Winans. Proceeds from this event will benefit "The United Negro College Fund."

Gospelfest '91 began with preliminary competitions at churches in Newark, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Jamaica and Long Island and attracted nearly 250 groups.

"McDonald's is proud to help keep the legacy of gospel alive through Gospelfest," said one of the most eagerly awaited gospel events in the tri-state area, said

Lee Dunham, McDonald's restaurant owner and President of the Tri-State McDonald's Restaurant Owners Association.

In addition to the chance to sing on the stage at Carnegie Hall, groups will compete for valuable prizes and other exciting opportunities, such as an appearance on "Bobby Jones Gospel," a gospel program on Black Entertainment Television (BET).

McDonald's sponsorship of Gospelfest is part of the quick-service restaurant chain's commitment to giving something back to the communities in which it conducts business. Other community enrichment programs include: Heroes Anonymous, a tribute to the unsung heroes of the Hispanic community; Plan to Get Out Alive, a fire-safety program with WDCU-TV's Dr. Frank Field and Black History Makers of Tomorrow, which recognizes and honors outstanding high school juniors who are likely to help shape the future history.

Tickets for the Carnegie Hall benefit concert are on sale now at \$30, \$25, \$20, and \$15 at Carnegie Hall Box Office, located at West 57th Street and Seventh Avenue, or by calling Carnegie Charge at 212-247-7800.

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merous honors and awards for his exemplary community service. He had been a deputy Grand Marshal in the Early years of the Crispus Attucks Parade, cited in the Congressional Record and hailed many times as a tireless champion of continuing and community learning.

For all his southern gentleness, James Brown was a tower of strength in forming a link between the Newark Public Library and countless organizations, artists, scholars, students and every day folks who know how to find their way to the library in record numbers.

South Jersey is mourning the death of Geraldine (Geri) Moon, the popular vice chairwoman of the State Democratic committee.

Moon died of the cancer that had kept her hospitalized and confined to her home for more than a year. She died in her 1970s Township home.

Moon was lauded by Democratic leaders like Governors Florio

Paterson school takeover

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sources from the state. Some of those present wondered aloud that Napier was becoming "overactive" too late. A state takeover would immediately dismantle the school board and remove Napier and all top administrators.

The former president of the board remarked, soon after Commissioner of Education Ellis filed the show cause order, that a state takeover would surely result in a loss of 150 to 200 teaching positions. This seemed even more

likely when the school budget and a "cap waiver" failed at the poll recently.

But, apparently, among those parents and educators who spoke only on condition of anonymity, there's no discernible alarm of such a probability. And to observers the inactivity in both groups is perhaps a sort of unguided neutrality, yet forming. A court date for the state and school district has been scheduled for June 24.

As one of Governor Florio's earliest political supporters when he ran for an Assembly seat and later for congress before he became governor, few were more enthusiastic about his political rise than Geri Moon no matter what it took to convince the unconverted.

She was founder and chairwoman of the Camden County chapter of the National Political Congress of Black Women and a member of the Democratic National Committee.

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AIDS Prevention. Jackie Sadler, the D.C. Public Schools AIDS official, was popular with the students as she warned them "before you consider having sex, you had better ask yourself are you willing to die for it?". She drew

repeated applause with her sex rap messages (In the absence of self control, we recommend the pill for birth control and chain of safe sex buttons (Hey Bubba, Where's Your Rubber?)

But, the 33 students from 18 junior and senior high schools proved to be the stars of the show with some frank and honest comments about the dilemma of young love and romance and sex involving pregnancy and disease. One young lady said "there is no such thing as teen-age love—it's lust." Another young man said he married his girl friend after she

became pregnant "and we're still going to school together." Most of the students indicated they could not talk to their parents about the dangers of sex and the schools did not provide enough information about diseases and contraceptives.

"The biggest problem we adults have," Dr. Tuckson admitted "is we believe that telling you about how to protect yourself (from dangerous sex) would encourage you to become more sexually active..." Statistics in the Ortho kit indicated that the average age of the first sexual intercourse for girls is 16.2 years old and 15.7 years old for boys with 62% of 15 to 19 year old males reporting they use contraception at first intercourse. More information about the "Straight Talk" videos may be obtained by calling 1-800-722-7786.



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THURSDAY, MAY 23

JERSEY CITY—Conference. Process of shared decision making and Structures at School-Based Management, Michael Gilgan Student Union Bldg, 2030 Kennedy Blvd. For registration prices and information call 201-547-5567.

NEWARK—Lorraine Hansberry lectures series. Speaking about African-American and Japanese relations. 7 p.m. Newark Public Library 5 Washington Street. For more information contact the library.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

NEWARK—Newark MediaWorks presents a movie. Yeezus. 2 Washington Place at Broad St., 4th Floor 5:45 p.m. General admission is \$5. Late-line students will go and seniors \$5. For more information call 642-6877.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

PLAINFIELD—FM International Productions, presents a Fashion Extravaganza with special added attractions. Grant Avenue Community Center. For more information and tickets contact Sound Express 731-1744.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

FREEDHO—Shenbury Chorale to present spring concert. Highlights from Franz Joseph Haydn. The Students. 8 p.m. 118 West Main Street First Presbyterian Church. Tickets \$9 general \$7 student/teacher. For information call 747-4682.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

NEWARK—Japanese Storytelling and mime. 7 p.m. Newark Public Library 5 Washington Street. For more information contact the library.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

NEWARK—Salsa Institute & Company. Contemporary Japanese Dance. 3 p.m. Newark Public Library. For more information contact the library.



Platfield Piyoti Odeira Lang (Center) of "In Living Color" is starring in Alvin Karpis' at the Forum Theatre in Metuchen. Also starring are (l-r) Ethel Beatty-Barnes, Cary Grant, Dennis Ledee and Jeff Alton. Running through June 9, curtain times are Thursday, Friday, & Saturday at 8 p.m. Wednesday & Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For information, call 548-4670.

Newark pioneer, leader remembered

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and beloved "Uncle" Billy to thousands of New Jerseyans.

In his 101 years he always seemed to do the right thing at the right time.

He was born in Virginia but spent the better part of his life in the North. After graduating Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, he received a Divinity Degree from Yale University as required for social workers in the 1930s.

He was on a first-name basis with countless other stalwart leaders of the 1930s including W.E.B. DuBois, Booker T. Washington, Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Marcus Garvey and the like.

When he launched the most promising of his successful careers in Newark, Ashby and his late wife, Mary, set up housekeeping in Newark well into his 90s and, despite failing eyesight, he walked the streets of the Central Ward and the downtown caverns on a daily basis.

After his retirement in 1953, he was busy as ever on the lecture circuit and found the time to write endless essays about his experiences as a pioneer social worker (he first in New Jersey). He wrote his "Tales Without Hate" from a compilation of numerous (and many times humorous) short stories about his encounters with racism here and elsewhere and his response to success and failure.

He often said God blessed him to live to see some of the fruits of his labor in job oppor-

tunity for blacks, in the rise of black political leadership throughout the state and in the increase of black students in universities and colleges. He was blessed to have accomplished many things for many people in the flower of his youth. After a long day at the Urban League Ashby would take pen in hand in the wee hours of the morning and managed to finish several books, write five plays and chronicle the history of the black struggle and experience in the North. Indeed he was a hard worker and a thinker.

Mr. Ashby, a gentle but determined man who could take stubborn on occasion, was honored by presidents, lauded by governors and loomed as a cult figure by winners and losers he met in his lifetime.

In Trenton, the new Department of Community Affairs building is named for him, the first such honor for an African-American in New Jersey, and just two months ago he attended a dinner held by the United Way of Essex and West Hudson during which the first W.E.B. DuBois Community Service award was presented. He was scheduled to be a special guest at Newark's African-American Day parade later this month.

He lived at the Brookhaven Health Care Center in his later years, sharing accommodations with his beloved, Mary, until her death in 1988. Characteristically, he welcomed visitors with a

broad smile, was hospitable, charming and chatty. He wanted to talk about the present rather than dwell on the past but his visitors inevitably wanted to glean gems of history in the hour they spent with him.

There were good days and bad days," he would remind a listener. "And good people and bad people, color not withstanding. But somehow I always seemed to know how to play the hand dealt me even though I wasn't a gambler. It was the sheer joy of being alive and a mentally alert human being who never forgot our mission in life is to help somebody."

His "Tales Without Hate" is a chronicle of one man's exposure to man's inhumanity to another man and one less to wonder how he came through some of racism's darkest days in New Jersey without hating. He answers that question himself in the preface of his book:

"I do not hate anyone...To hate anyone, one must generate in himself a degree of mental and emotional animosity. Why should I make myself miserable by always being mad at somebody?"

In those few words William Ashby summed up his personal philosophy. The words embody his gentility, his caring and sharing, the fulfillment of his mission of service and no matter how frailty and faintly the beat, we will remember the heart of a social worker for his service to the Newark community.



Gladys Knight

ward have a tofo company they're devoting their time to, and Bubba's into his real estate things and also helps me with the creative side of my solo performance."

Gladys Knight credits the carefully-maintained team spirit as the reason for her group's continued success. "It comes from, I respect that we've worked to keep at a high level," she said. "But not letting egos get in the

way, every individual can feel his worth. This group is something that we've all made together, and each of us has grown along with it."

Mayor James added that he is exceptionally pleased about the scheduling of the concert since it will take place during the city's 325th birthday. "We are truly excited to have Ms. Knight in town during this time of historic celebration. I encourage all residents, young and old alike, to come

down town and take part in this benefit concert, and I urge them to continue to participate in the renaissance of our city and the events celebrating our history throughout this anniversary year," he stated.

For more information on the Gladys Knight concert contact K. Elliot Productions at (201) 675-5414. Tickets for the show can be purchased at the Symphony Hall Box Office (201-643-8009).

Newark reenacts Pilgrim landing of 1666

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newcomers in dress only.

However, the citizens who gathered at Founders' Park on McCarter Highway at the foot of Saybrook Place, gave the group an enthusiastic welcome as the vessel designed by NJIT students Dan Drew and Susan Augustowski-Lopez "docked" for the official commemoration program.

Following historic protocol, the Rev. Dr. Dwight A. White, pastor of Old First Presbyterian Church, Newark's first religious house of worship, gave the invocation.

Remarks from other dignitaries that followed were brief but moving as each paid tribute to the city and citizens past and present who have kept Newark New Jersey's flag ship city.

They included along with the Mayor and the official welcome, Council President Grant, Newark historian Charles Cummings and Congressman Donald Payne (D-10).

And then it was time for the Commemorative Day Play that depicted the city's growing pains, from an agrarian to an industrial economy and profiles of the men and women who built tiny settlement into a prosperous city.

There were also vignettes of how banking and insurance, shipping and transportation and schools all played an important role in Newark's growth.

Viewers also had an opportunity to learn how the city has dealt with population change over the years, political action and emerging immigrant populations. It is a play that should be seen by



Mayor Sharpe James Portrays Robert Treat

students in all of Newark's schools for an appreciative overview of history and the people who helped write it for the

city. Mayor James, one of the "stars" of the panorama, shared the stage with a very talented group of folks who call themselves the Essex County Community Players, who were excellent in their roles.

The players were directed by Bruce Lloyd, director of the Mary B. Burch Theatre at Essex County College.

The college made another contribution to the day when Dr. A. Zachary Yamba stepped out of his role as president and became Mr. William Ashby, one of the historic figures and founder of the Essex County Urban League. Dr. Yamba also served as chairman of the Founders Day Committee, a group of some 39 local citizens.

Where does the city go after the glow of its 325th anniversary? We asked Mayor Sharpe James, who flush with the joy of another successful thespian experience said, "Newark has a proud history worth saving. So many great people made it from here their lives are an inspiration to young people who seek fame and fortune and opportunity. It is up to all of us to teach them about our history, to instill a pride in our history and to teach them that everybody is somebody. This will be one of our missions in the future."

Newark's future, the mayor said, "despite the odds" and my administration is dedicated to bringing out the best in them through an education that will take them anywhere in the world that they want to go."

There will be additional anniversary programs throughout the year.

RADIOSCOPE...THE COLUMN

TOP STORIES: RACISM IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY THE DEBARGE FAMILY GOES GOSPEL WHAT'S UP WITH PATI LABELLE?

From Bailey Broadcasting Services Via Serra Syndication

Racism in the Music Industry: Janet Jackson recently signed a \$50 million dollar deal with Virgin Records. Then Michael Jackson announced his \$1 billion dollar deal with Sony Music. It's ironic that after years of having our music ripped off, two black artists have suggested the best record deals in music history. But what's happening for Janet and Michael is not typical. Big money aside, the majority of black artists are like skin color as a way to categorize music. From the vast point of view African-American artists appear to be on top of the world. On the surface that may be true. Black artists are racking up hit after hit. But you'd be surprised at the lack of real control they have over their careers. All to often black stars are puppets who's strings are being pulled by a white owned and controlled industry. One of the key issues for black artists is "crossing over." A black artist has to be a hit on black radio before they can even think about "crossing over" is a mistake. What's more, it's a sorry fact of life that Black artists who've earned a lot of clout in the business don't support other blacks. The NAACP reports there were 1,700 videos made in 1990 and less than 60 were produced by black production companies. Also, out of the 1700 videos made, 300 featured black artists who didn't even consider black directors and staff for their videos. A lack of black people behind the video camera means that the artist in front of the camera is having an image created by somebody white. All in all, it's clear that African-Americans just can't tap dance around the issue of racism. And while it can't be stopped at the snap of a finger, Black artists who have control over their creative density can start by reaching out to the brothers and sisters who don't. Pulling together is the only way to end to racism in music. **From the PEET (People, Places & Things) File:** Rosie Perez put an end to racism in music. **From the PEET (People, Places & Things) File:** Rosie Perez put an end to racism in music. **From the PEET (People, Places & Things) File:** Rosie Perez put an end to racism in music.

His latest gem is choreographing "In Living Colors" Fly Girls. Right now "In Living Color" is on hiatus—meaning they won't be taping any new shows until this fall. But Rosie hasn't slowed a bit. She's choreographed three music videos, put together some routines for the Boys' upcoming tour, and recently completed work on a film due in theaters this summer....The DeBarge family is making a comeback, but not on the R&B circuit. The group is moving to gospel. Their gospel debut album, "Back on Track," is in June. They say the album is a personal testament of the events which led them back to the church. El, Bunny, Randy, Marty, the twins Daryl and Carol, will be featured, along with their mother Esterline. Chico, Tommy, and Bobby DeBarge will miss this family affair. They're currently serving prison sentences in Michigan for cocaine trafficking....Everybody's still buzzing about the allegations tossed at Paula Abdul by former Mary Jane Girl Yvette Marine. The whole situation's got Paula burning mad. Marine isn't suing Paula but she is suing Virgin Records and it's distributors for "false and deceptive packaging" to the tune of \$145 million dollars. The 26-year-old Marine claims she waited so long because she got caught up in the thrill of being associated with such a successful album. Well the thrill hasn't worn off for Paula. Her next album "Spellbound" is due out this month. In the meantime, Rick James has turned out to be the most sampled writer of 1990. Although Rick hasn't recorded anything for three years he's been all over the charts. He's scheduled for release later this year....**Feedback Line:** What's up with Pati Labelle? Sophia Seawright of Montgomery, wanted to know. While her combined tour with Gladys Knight and Dionne Warwick has been put on the back burner for a while, Pati's now gearing up for the release of her newest LP (due this month), and she just might be hitting the road with the stage play "House of Flowers." And she'll be putting in some extra time this fall, keeping Duwayne Wayne in check on "A Different World." Pati's also very active in programs involving cancer research, she's lost three sisters and her mother to that disease....**Got a question or a comment on any RadioScope story, just call the Feedback Line at (213) 257-2354.**

CITY BUSINESS

BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

SHORT HILLS — Business Briefing on Succession Planning. Short Hill Hilton, 5:30 p.m. \$60 per person, \$30 each for additional employee/family RSVP required. For information call 212-415-7965.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

NEWARK — Legal and Management Aspects of Hiring and Firing Employees of a Small Business. \$15 Checks payable to Rutgers Univ. 92 New St. Rm 215E. Information call 648-5950.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

UNION — Adult Advisory, a community service of Kean College is offering free morning & evening workshop for adults considering re-entering college. For information call 527-2210.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

UNION — Adult Advisory Services, a community service of Kean College is offering free evening workshop for adults considering re-entering college. Information & location call 527-2210.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

NEWARK — Managing Your Receivables — \$5 in Your Pocket at 7:00 a.m. Adheser-Busch, Routes 1-9, Newark, NJ \$10 checks made payable to The Newark Collaboration Group. For more information call (201) 621-1007.

BUSINESS EXCHANGE...

by William Reed

(NNPA) — "Eliminate apartheid: End racism." You've heard, or read, this profound statement before. But the truth is that for Blacks in South Africa and South Philly, the scenario is sadly similar. "If you ain't the lead dog in the pack, the view is always the same." In 1991, Black Americans are at the back of the pack. We are more socially, politically, and economically disenfranchised than we've been for more than a century. The shocking truth is that black advancement toward parity is coming faster in Johannesburg than it is in Boston. Racism still taints the American character, but the contention of most black leadership is that its eradication is the sole precondition to black advancement.

This mind-set is, at best, our group's confession of complete impotence.

Until we get whites to stop their international habits of racism we prefer to wait, complain and remain impotent. Rather than concentrate efforts toward our internal self-development, we prefer to be society's "victims." Rather than buy and build in our communities, our preconditions cause us to prefer the white man's colder ice. As the nation's victims, we elect to be the offended parties and continuously complain about our lack of acceptance in white people's businesses, country and night clubs, and housing developments. Until we eliminate apartheid in South

Africa and petty racism here, Blacks simply choose to be "disused." While we wait for racism to end, too many of us just accept being in a state of disused, disgraced, disliked, disrespected and dispirited.

So while we wait for whites to eliminate racism, and start to like and accept us in their offices, factories, malls and homes, we have good reason to make excuses for not doing for our own. We don't do nothing to help ourselves cause we accept the poverty pimps' reasoning that "the odds are against us." When it comes to building our own commerce, communities and institutions, too many of us are saying: We can do it. I can't do it. We just can't let us. We just can't

make it from here to there. Wish we could. It's out of the question. Not a chance. Maybe next week. We're fixin' to get ready. There simply ain't no way.

Robert Woodson of the Washington, D.C.-based National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise thinks and acts as if there is another way to beat the odds. He is trying to move his growing band of believers toward self-reliance. Woodson is seeking to change the view for African-Americans by helping us to move from the back of the pack. Unlike many of the civil rights leaders who often sang a song of woe, Woodson would prefer to talk about innovative programs on how to pool our resources. He is one of the few trying to operate

successful businesses, schools, and housing programs for our neighborhoods. Rather than complain about our failures, Woodson prefers to illustrate our successes.

In his national Achievement Against the Odds salute program, Woodson is showing how some blacks have triumphed over adversity. Through his "Odds" program, Woodson is building a core of blacks who are committed to their own progress and helping others to help themselves. The Achievement Against the Odds program illustrates to African-American victims that there is a vast world of hope and high aspirations at work within our inner-city communities.

The "can do" participants in Woodson's national program in-

clude: A former at-risk youth who is now a youth mentor and attends graduate school, a convicted felon who ministers to drug abusers and AIDS victims, a public housing resident who successfully battled drug dealers in her development and a former welfare recipient who has fostered over 140 special needs children.

Eliminating apartheid is something double. Ending racism may have to wait for Jesus to come again. But for people of color who want to enhance their economic, social and political power Bob Woodson and his group can help you beat the odds. The Center is located at 1367 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. (202) 331-1103.

Against The Odds

Henningburg's Authority seat still up in air

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may be persuaded to fill three seats on the Authority with at least two prominent white Democratic leaders from South and Central Jersey because both are rumored to be interested in the nonpartisan, but highly prestigious Authority.

Assembly State Senator John Russo is not running for reelection and as a Commissioner on NISEA he would maintain an official connection with state affairs.

Middlesex County Democratic Chairman Nicholas Venezia, a member of the N.J. State Racing Commission has said he is decidedly interested in the post and will resign from the Racing Commission if appointed to the Sports Authority.

There is presently one vacancy and will grow to three when Henningburg's and Thomas Knowles' terms expire on June 11 and 26 respectively.

In the past there have been several Blacks who expressed interest in the Authority, including Newark Mayor Sharpe James; No Democratic governor has ever appointed a black commissioner.

The two blacks who have served on the Authority, Gus Henningburg and Aubrey Lewis, were appointed by Republican governors Tom Kean and Bill Cahill.

Of the two, Henningburg has been the most visible. That makes sense. He has been in the communications business for years and is president of Henningburg and Associates, specialists in public relations, lobbying, print and audio communications, public policy development and affirmative action.

Prior to establishing his coast-to-coast business, he was president of the Greater Newark Urban Coalition and had been a national College Fund and NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Criteria for a commission appointment ranges from expertise in business, management and labor, finance, building construction, to real estate development.

When Governor Kean appointed Henningburg in 1987, he noted the civil rights activist had the added advantage of being "accomplished in minority affairs."

Many considered this Kean observation to be a mandate for Henningburg to make the Meadowlands and other Authority installations around the state more relevant to the black community and to use the agencies' commitment to affirmative action to make equal opportunity a fact in hiring, promotions and presentation of public programs and projects.

During his tenure, Henningburg has chaired the commission's Personnel Committee and his accomplishments to date have been encouraging.

* Minority contractors have bid successfully on lucrative contracts.

* NISEA was the first entertainment facility in the country to sign a fair share agreement with the NAACP, (this took place shortly after Gus' appointment). Other professional sports franchises around the nation now have similar agreements.

* 50 percent of the managerial personnel hired or promoted since Henningburg are black. Directors of construction and employee

training programs are black male & female respectively.

* Minority Business Entrepreneurs (MBEs) have been awarded substantial contracts involved in the building of the State Aquarium in Camden.

* The Whitney Young Scholarship Football game (sponsored by the Urban League) is now an annual event at the Meadowlands Arena and, for the first time in the history of the game, a portion of the proceeds are donated to the N.J. Committee of UNCF.

* 500 kids in Newark and 500 Jersey City youngsters receive tickets to the annual football classic, courtesy of the Authority, and boxes owned by local companies and Authority members are loaned to groups attending the game.

* Hosted receptions for well known sports figures (Willis Reed, NETS coach and now VIP in NETS organization and Reggie Williams, first black manager and VP in Knights World League of Football).

* Had \$200,000 earmarked specifically for advertising in black media.

* Last year minority youngsters were hired for summer jobs at Monmouth Park for the first time in track history.

Henningburg is also providing

leadership in an area hitherto not approached by Authority members by insisting that a special effort be made to provide trainers and groomers with adequate housing in the "back stretch." Trainers and groomers who travel with owners from racetrack to racetrack are often unable to get adequate housing for themselves and their families and steps are being taken to assure them of proper shelter while at any N.J. track. In addition Henningburg has suggested making a chaplain available as well as on-site counseling for alcoholics and drug abusers and a family counseling program for the permanent employee.

Henningburg said, "we've only seen the tip of the iceberg" in making NISEA responsive to worker's needs. "A lot more has to and must be done." Other unexplored business includes public understanding of employment opportunities.

Contrary to popular belief, the permanent jobs under the jurisdiction of the Authority are as few as 300. The majority of jobs are "controlled" by Harry M. Stevens (food and beverage vendors) and Burns Security. Both companies hold contracts and hire the most people.

Like all state commissions at this level, an appointees political

party is not usually primary. Governor Kean demonstrated that when he reappointed Peter Levine, president of Levo Corp., an international real estate developer and builder of shopping malls.

Levine, a Democrat and party fundraiser, was first appointed by Governor Brendan Byrne and reappointed by Governor Kean. Robert Muleahy "NISEA" director, has served under Democrat and Republican governors and is still going strong under the Florio administration.

It is not unusual on NISEA or the Port Authority of NY/NJ to have commissioners serve more than one term.

These are some of the facts being brought to Governor Florio's attention as he mulls over what his actions will be next month.

The importance of the Authority's work and the multitudinous contracts they deal with demands a full complement at all times and three vacancies would seriously hamper normal operation.

However, Henningburg and Knowles could remain in office as hold-overs until further gubernatorial action. It's not the best of all worlds for the commissioners in limbo but that is the nature of the political beast.

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Specifications and bid forms are available in the Main Office starting May 21, 1991 during regular business hours 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday excluding Memorial Day Holiday. A copy of the Documents may be obtained at the Owners office upon payment of \$50.00 for each document. The amount paid for the documents is refundable after the bidder submits a bonafide bid and returns the documents in good condition. DOCUMENTS SHALL NOT BE MAILED Bids must be made on the standard bid form enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the Bid Number and address of the bidder on the outside addressed to the Office of the Executive Director and must be accompanied by Cashier's Check or Money Order, a Bid Bond for not less than 10% of the amount of bid, but not exceeding \$30,000. Bids must also be accompanied by Consent of Surety in addition to the Bid Bond. All Bids and Consent of Surety must be written by Companies listed in the most recent Circular No. 570 United States Department of the Treasury. The successful bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond within a surety listed in the most recent Circular No. 570 of the United States Department of the Treasury to the Woodbridge Housing Authority in the full amount of the contract in such form as the Authority may prescribe and with such securities as the Authority may approve. A corporation submitting a bid, in response to this advertisement, shall accompany such bid with a Resolution authorizing said officers to execute a Contract in the event its bid is accepted. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) which pertains to "Non Discrimination" and "Affirmative Action" and P.L. 1977, C-53 which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership. Bids from Bidders who are on any suspended or debarred list of the United States or of Corporate Ownership shall be rejected. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids if deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority. Additional information may be obtained by calling Executive Assistance Madeline Cook at phone #908) 634-7570. JOHN SZILAGYI Acting Executive Director Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge	
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ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY NOTICE TO BIDDERS ADDENDUM NO. 2 Please take notice that the following changes, additions and deletions to the specifications for: BID NO. CC-1991-02 SUBJECT: COASTAL ALTERNATIVE FORCE MAINS to be received by the Atlantic County Utilities Authority at the Administration Building located at 1701 Atlantic Boulevard, Atlantic City, N.J. The following is a listing of the specifications and issues addressed: 1. Rescheduled Bid Opening Date and Time: Friday, May 31, 1991 10:00 A.M., Local Time 2. Addition of language to the Specifications to clarify that the Atlantic County Alternative Force Main #2 to the Existing Pleasantville Force Main operated by the Authority is to be included in the lump sum price of \$600,000, 45 Item C-1 "connection to Pleasantville Force Main". Addendum #2 shall be delivered to all holders of the specifications. All bidders shall acknowledge receipt and acceptance of Addendum No. 2 in the proposal or by submitting the Addendum with the bid package. Michael H. Hayes, RPPD Purchasing Agent ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY							

CITY SPORTS

Parcells: a class act

by Fern Taylor

In a very real sense, Bill Parcells was the Giants. His players were a direct reflection of the man who led them for eight years.

But what was so refreshing about Parcells is that he would never tell you this was his team. "The players play the game, I don't," he would say. And he's right. With no Lawrence Taylor, the best linebacker the planet has produced; no Phil Simms, Mr. Toughness himself; without the Carl Banks; the Leonard Marshall's, the Harry Carson's; the Bart Oates; the Joe Morris or the O.J. Anderson's, Parcells would not have won Super Bowls in 1986 and 1991.

Yet, no one can argue that this was Parcells' team. This was Parcells-type football.

Has there ever been a coach who molded, carved, and shaped a team to mirror his own philosophy and personality? To inherit his own feelings and his own guts for the game? Lombardi, maybe. But not too many others.

When I think of Parcells I think of guts with class.

Do you remember how General Norman Schwarzkopf and General Colin Powell handled the media? That was Bill Parcells

personified. Direct. No nonsense. Confident. And all with feeling, guts, style, and a warm humor like a favorite uncle. Sure, he was a bit too gruff at times, a little rough around the edges, and a little quick-tempered at times. But he even loved that — it let us know he was normal, just like many of us, that he was for real.

As a head coach, Parcells had guts to play old-fashioned run it up the gut and smash it in your face football in a day in age where the run-n-shoot offense and the situation defense are the norm.

He'd go for that 4th and 1 time and time again, and more often than not, he was successful. When he wasn't, he withstood the criticism. "I just had a gut feeling that it was a good time to try running OJ off tackles," he would say, looking you dead in the eye, daring you to question him some more.

Parcells had the guts to stand by his players, through thick and thin. He stood by LT during and after his cocaine addiction. He had a closeness with his players usually reserved for the high school level, before money, greed, and cut-throat competition enter the picture.

Finally Parcells had the guts

to know when to hang it up. Even during his last press conference, he was vintage Parcells.

No, I have nothing planned as of yet, he said, squashing all rumors to the contrary. Why did he quit? "I feel it right here, folks" he would say, pointing to his heart. "You all have jobs, you know how it can get sometimes," he told us. Amazingly, it never crossed our minds that we were listening to a millionaire head coach, the way he always related with the common folk.

Parcells was classy right down to the very end. I'm glad he was able to leave on his own terms. He will be sorely missed by players, coaches, fans and media. Who knows, maybe he'll come back in two or three years.

Who's your vote for Knicks coach? Pat Riley? Paul Silas? Tom Pagliaro? Doug Collins? You've got to like Riley, for the simple fact that he will have big time respect from all the players from day one. Silas might be good, but he's from the old regime that wasn't too successful.

Penders is too much of an unknown. Collins could be a good second choice.

I sure hope it's Riley. Showtime East could really be something. Put Mark back at the point, trade for a young small forward who can shoot, get Oakley and Patrick some more help and, who knows?

As for the playoffs, look for L.A. to upset Portland and meet Chicago in the finals.

Wilder supports Payne, denounces Bush

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his remarks on the inadequacies of the Bush Administration. "We can't permit the president to put his key into the lock to turn back the progress that we've made... American people will not tolerate it," said Wilder.

Close to 200 corporate and political leaders turned out for the May 16th event, paying \$250 to show support for Congressman Payne's re-election campaign.

Among them, Congressman Robert A. Roe (D-8th Dist.) was present and commented on the distinguished leadership Payne has shown on the difficult committee he selected. Roe also had praise for Wilder's accomplishments in Virginia, and said "if we are looking for a top drawer candidate, which we are, to run for president of the United States, then we could not go remiss at all in looking very, very closely at Gov. Douglas Wilder..."

Payne talked about the overwhelming degree of illiteracy and lack of health coverage for some 40 million Americans. "Every American is going to have to provide opportunities for others, if we care about our children, and our children's children, we have to see that America becomes more united..."

Payne's ability to speak on behalf of the dispossessed was lauded by several of those present who brought remarks. "There's not enough sanity in Washington," said Wilder, "and that's why it is essential to have Don Payne come back."

Payne holds hearings

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tive women, 4,000 additional newborns are exposed to the virus.

Payne said, "this act was enacted in response to the problems associated with substance abusing parents, HIV-infected parents and the increase in the number of boarder babies abandoned in the hospitals."

The numbers of children exposed to drugs or with AIDS has increased dramatically," he added.

The hearing, held at United Hospital's Medical Center was chaired by Rep. Major Owens (D-N.Y.).

Mary Boland, Coordinator for Children's Hospital AIDS Program stated the state Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) is considered as "baby snatchers."

Dr. Frances Dunston, commissioner of the State Department of Health claimed that pregnant women affected by AIDS and drug addiction may not seek treatment because they are afraid of being punished.

"They are afraid they are going to lose their children," she said.

Reports stated that Dunston told the subcommittee on education that she wanted to make the message clear that New Jersey is out to help and not punish mothers and these programs will prevent abandonment by mothers.

Dunston stated 19 other states have laws that may charge addicted women with distributing drugs to a minor, her unborn child. These programs double the problems that lead to "boarder babies," infants who stay in hospitals for more than two years after birth because mothers cannot or will not care for them.

The speakers were noted as

saying those babies are often born addicted to drugs, premature and underweight, and their mothers realize they cannot adequately care for such fragile infants.

"Half the pregnant addicted women get no prenatal care. They just appear in the hospital in labor or deliver at home or in crack houses," said Dunston.

Bernard Dickens, president of United Hospitals, stated the premature babies born to mothers who do not get care spend months in the hospital intensive care unit, at a cost of \$142,000.

Dickens said the number of boarder babies could be lower if the women could be given prenatal care that might prevent such births.

Both Owens, who introduced the bill in 1987 and Payne said New Jersey had taken a leadership role in creating programs to provide preventive and supportive services for children and their families.

In a report issued to City News by Payne's office, the rate of AIDS infection among women and children in Newark is higher than anywhere else in the nation. The report stated 67 percent of New Jersey's AIDS population is heterosexual and IV-drug users.

The report also stated Blacks and Hispanics make up 80 percent of New Jersey's pediatric AIDS cases, and 87 percent of Heterosexual HIV cases. According to the report, these numbers are steadily increasing.

Payne said, "Newark is an appropriate place to hold this hearing. In 1982 a New Jersey doctor, Jim Oleksa, was the first to diagnose pediatric AIDS. Additionally, Newark has 20 percent of all HIV-infected children in the Nation."

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